

LAW HIT'S ROAD

Western Maryland Placed
in Receivers' Hands.

HURT BY RATE BILL

Unable to Transport Coal from
Its Own Mines.

NET REVENUES INCREASING

Gould Line, with Baltimore as Terminus, Finds Its Greatest Source of Revenue in Carrying Coal Produced in Its Own Mines—Condition of the Security Market Prevents Sale of the Property to Advantage at This Time.

Baltimore, March 5.—Because of the provision of the Hepburn rate law, which goes into effect on May 1, and forbids a coal-carrying railroad to transport coal mined by it, the Western Maryland Railroad Company, a Gould line and a heavy coal-carrying road, has gone into the hands of its president as receiver.

In effect, the railroad puts it up to the court to devise a means of successfully operating a coal-carrying road under the restrictions of the Hepburn law.

The application was made by the Bowling Green Trust Company, of New York, trustee of the \$10,000,000 general lien and convertible mortgage.

Judge Morris, of the United States District Court, to-night signed the order making President B. F. Bush receiver. Confessed inability on the part of the railroad company to meet maturing obligations is the formal basis for the application.

Papers Are Signed.

The papers were signed to-night in the office of Gans & Haman, who, with Thompson, Vanderpool, and Freedman, of New York, are solicitors for the petitioners.

There is no contention that the railroad is not in a position to surmount any ordinary difficulties if it were not for the Hepburn law. In a statement made to the directors of the road, President Bush says that the company is not confronted with any failures of its revenues to cover its full cost charges, but that it must at an early date encounter the problem presented by the commodity clause of the Federal rate law.

The net revenues for the road for the last six months of 1907 increased \$350,175, with a resulting surplus over all fixed charges, including the abnormally high cost of temporary loan and renewals, but the company has been unable permanently to finance improvements, equipments, and additions.

Prices of Bonds Shrink.

The company has outstanding loans maturing April 1 amounting to \$3,676,750, secured by \$3,677,000 first mortgage bonds. The market price of the bonds, originally in excess of the face of the loans, has shrunk far below the face of the loans. President Bush told the directors that the company would have to provide additional collateral to secure their extension.

Its coal properties are a material part of the security for the company's mortgages, President Bush says, and the revenues from its coal business cannot be sacrificed or diminished without seriously affecting the income of the company. There has been no charge of improper methods employed by the company, despite invitation for complaints extended by the Federal commission.

Would Be Sacrificed.

The Hepburn law, says President Bush, cannot be generally observed in the extreme construction of which it is susceptible without wholesale sacrifice of coal lands at appalling loss or restriction of production, entailing vast loss of revenue.

In this extreme construction of the law, any other than the course adopted by the road would be adjudged an evasion, bringing about extreme penalties for infractions of the law.

Under the proceedings taken, President Bush says, it is safe to assume that the receiver will ask the court for instructions as to the course to be taken to protect the coal business and revenues of the company as affected by the Hepburn law. Thereby a timely construction of the law will be obtained, President Bush says, and the property rights of the company guarded.

Mr. Bush is the coal expert of the Gould system.

KAISER AS MATCHMAKER.

Rumored that King Manuel May Wed German Princess.

Lisbon, March 5.—Newspapers here state that negotiations are afoot to bring about the marriage of King Manuel and Princess Victoria Louise, only daughter of Emperor William. The proposal will be discussed when the Kaiser makes his promised visit of condolence to the Queen mother, Amelie. Officials refuse to discuss the report.

King Manuel, who came to the throne last month through the assassination of his father, King Carlos, and his brother, Crown Prince Luis, was born November 15, 1889, and is therefore not quite nineteen years of age. Princess Victoria was born September 15, 1892, and consequently lacks six months of being sixteen.

Baltimore and Ohio Railroad One-way Colonist Fare, \$3.25. Washington to Pacific Coast. Low rates to many other Western Points. Tickets on sale daily until April 23. Secure details from ticket agents.

J. H. Small & Sons, Florists, Washington and New York.

LOSES MILLION ON PONIES.

New Yorker Tells Court About His Ill Luck for Twenty Years.

New York, March 5.—Charles Hickey, manager of a beef-packing firm, testified to-day before Justice Greenbaum and a jury in the Supreme Court that he had gambled and lost on horse races for the last twenty years, and thought that his total losses must have aggregated close to \$1,000,000 in that time. He could only specify one year, however, in which he had lost as much as \$30,000.

Hickey is the defendant in a suit brought by Joseph Barker to recover \$4,201, which Barker advanced to Hickey for a stock deal. Hickey used the money to play the races, and subsequently compromised with Barker by paying \$800 down and promising to pay \$100 a month. He failed on the installments and Barker brought suit. Hickey testified that he believed the \$800 payment had wiped out all his indebtedness, as Barker knew, he said, that he had used the money to play the horses.

The trial continues to-morrow.

RAID BOGUS COIN DEN.

Secret Service Men Find Counterfeiters and Anarchists.

Chicago, March 5.—One of the largest counterfeiting plants ever discovered in Chicago, it is believed, was unearthed to-day by Capt. Thomas I. Porter, of the United States Secret Service, and city detectives.

Details of how a number of men and women are alleged to have banded together as counterfeiters and anarchists were revealed when Capt. Porter, an assistant, Detective Richey, and a number of city detectives raided a house on the West Side and captured five men and two women.

The important captures were made at 686 Austin avenue, where it is said the counterfeiting band had its stronghold. The Secret Service officials assert that the counterfeiters had their factory for spurious coins, which they attempted to circulate throughout the city and the West.

RANCHMEN ARE SENTENCED.

Found Guilty of Illegal Fencing in of Public Land.

Helena, Mont., March 5.—Four prominent northern Montana ranchmen and five stock owners were given severe sentences by Judge Hunt, of the United States Court, to-day upon their entering pleas of guilty to indictments charging the illegal fencing in of the public domain.

This makes ten prominent citizens, who, within the last month, have been convicted or pleaded guilty to that charge, and Judge Hunt said to-day that the time for light sentences had passed, that the law must be observed by all, and hereafter persons convicted on that charge would be given ample time to reflect.

Those sentenced to-day were all residents of Chouteau County. Their sentences and fines follow: John and Francis Laird, ten days and \$50; N. H. Johnson, two days and \$30; J. N. Bingham, two days and \$10.

GEN. HERMAN LIEB DEAD.

Civil War Veteran Succumbs to Injuries Suffered in Fall.

Chicago, March 5.—Gen. Herman Lieb, a veteran of the civil war, died here to-day of injuries suffered Saturday when he slipped and fell on the icy sidewalk near his house in Rogers Park.

He was superintendent of the postal station at Rogers Park. Gen Lieb was formerly prominent as a Democrat and served as county clerk. He went into the postal service under the administration of Postmaster Washington Hessing, of whom he was a close friend. He was foreman of the grand jury that, just previous to the World's Fair, indicted several Chicago aldermen of the Roth bribery charges.

TOMBSTONE IN A TREE.

Wild Cherry Envelops Marble Shaft for Half a Century.

Crawfordsville, Ind., March 5.—While cutting down a large wild cherry tree in the Ladoxa Cemetery, south of here, workmen found that the tree had enveloped a marble tombstone, two feet in height and about fourteen inches in width. On the tombstone was the inscription: "Alma Berard, born January 5, 1774; died May 15, 1830. May she rest in peace."

According to old residents of the neighborhood the tree had enveloped the tombstone for more than half a century. The tree was twelve feet in circumference at the base, and for many years has attracted considerable attention on account of its size.

ASK PARDON FOR VAN SCHAIK

Masters, Mates, and Pilots Will Send Petition to Roosevelt.

New York, March 5.—The committee of the American Association of Masters, Mates, and Pilots, which has charge of the petition to be sent to President Roosevelt, praying for the pardon of Capt. William H. Van Schaick, of the Slocum, held a meeting to-day. It was announced that the petition will be sent to President Roosevelt at the latter end of this month.

The committee stated that up to date 40,000 signatures have been secured, most of them within a short distance from New York. Those to whom petitions have been sent at some distance from New York are yet to be heard from.

DIES AT AGE OF 101 YEARS.

Mrs. Richard B. Cummings, Wife of Gaelic Interpreter.

New York, March 5.—Mrs. Richard Barrett Cummings, who was 101 years old, died to-day at the home of her son, Thomas J. Cummings, at 206 East Sixty-third street. She came here in 1867, from County Limerick.

Her husband, who died in 1882, for many years was Gaelic interpreter at Castle Garden. She leaves three sons and three daughters. She is survived by twenty-three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Baltimore and Return, \$1.25. Baltimore and Ohio R. R. Every Saturday and Sunday. All trains, both ways, both days, except Royal Limited. City Offices, 1817 G st. and 619 F ave.

SOUGHT TO SELL
TORPEDO SECRETSGerman Held in New York
on Serious Charge.

ARRESTED FOR LARCENY

Government May Take a Hand
as Result of Inquiry.

Essex Believed to Have Been Conducting Negotiations with Fatherland for Sale of Information About Projectiles Manufactured for the United States—First Accused of Stealing Tools from Plant.

New York, March 5.—Although locked up on the specific charge of grand larceny, William Esser, forty years old, a German machinist, who was arrested after a hard fight with detectives to-night at his home, Lenox road and Albany avenue, Flatbush, is suspected of having been negotiating with the German government for the sale of the secret of a patented projectile which the E. W. Bliss Company has been manufacturing for the United States government.

Acting Captain August Kuhne, of the Brooklyn detective bureau, said the arrest of Esser is one of the most important the department has made in years, and that it will be established in court that for a long time he has been in communication with officials in Berlin, seeking to have the imperial government purchase from him the process for the construction of the projectile, which has been carefully guarded ever since it was invented.

Esser is accused by Francis Page, vice president of the E. W. Bliss Company, with having stolen tools from the projectile works of the company, at the foot of Fifty-third street, Brooklyn, and disposing of them in New York.

Suspected for Some Time.

While he has been suspected for some time of having tried to sell the secret to the German government, there was no way of catching him at it, but when he was taken to Brooklyn police headquarters to-night and searched, there were found on him several letters written in German which convince the police that it will be well for the Federal government to step into the case to-morrow.

William M. Clemens, a private detective, who was employed by the Bliss company to investigate the theft of the tools, made the discovery that Esser had been making negotiations with people in Germany for the sale of the secret.

Following on this, it developed that parts of the new projectile were missing from the company's works, and to-night, when six headquarters detectives descended on the machinist's home, they found in the rear of his house a workshop in the rear of his house.

Essex is an expert machinist, came to this country from Germany in 1902. He secured employment in the Bliss company, where he quickly demonstrated his exceptional skill in working on torpedoes and projectiles, and was sent to the projectile works in Bay Ridge. It was evident to his employers that he had worked on explosives, and he hadn't been there many weeks before he was rated as one of the best men in the place. He was a keen student, and kept much to himself, and his fellow-workmen learned mighty little of him.

Nine months ago, he quit the company's employ and hasn't worked for any concern since. In Flatbush, he built a pretty house, and in the rear of it he erected an elaborate workshop, where he labored alone, seemingly on inventions of his own. His wife and two sons and a daughter said they believed he was inventing some apparatus, but what it was they did not know, and they hadn't the slightest idea, because they never questioned him about his work.

Tools Are Missing.

Not long after Esser left the Bliss works the section foremen and the head of the supply department found many valuable tools were missing.

A search of the machine shop was made and several of the Bliss company's tools were found, besides the parts of the secret projectile which the company is manufacturing for the government.

There was one letter found on the prisoner, which was postmarked New York and dated March 1, 1908. Also, there were many letters, all written in German, which Clemens said clearly show that Esser had been negotiating for a long time to sell the secret. Acting Capt. Kuhne, who took charge of the letters, would not make their contents public, but Detective Clemens said that they indicated that Esser claimed all along that he was not striving to earn a fabulous sum, but was prompted in what he did through his patriotism for the fatherland.

Although Esser has been in this country six years, he never took out even his intention papers.

The E. W. Bliss Company manufactures the Whithead torpedo for the government, and is now working on a \$400,000 contract to furnish the Army and the navy with projectiles.

ROWBOAT NOT A VESSEL.

Man Who Smuggled the Chinamen Across Detroit River Acquitted.

Detroit, March 5.—The Federal Court here acquitted a man who smuggled Chinamen from Canada, because he used a rowboat. The court ruled that a rowboat is not a "vessel," and the aliens didn't come by land.

Heavy Earthquake Shocks.

London, March 5.—John Milne, the seismologist, reports that his instrument recorded a large earthquake, beginning at 2:30 a. m. to-day and lasting for three hours. He says the shock was probably in South America or Eastern Borneo.

\$1.25 to Baltimore and Return. Every Saturday and Sunday via Pennsylvania Railroad. Tickets good returning until Sunday night. All regular trains except the "Congressional Limited."

A la Carte Lunch Served Daily At Eckstein's from 12 to 2. 1412 N. Y. ave.

ITALIAN BELLE GONE

Whole Colony Seeks Alleged
Kidnapper of Girl.

SWARTHY SLEUTHS ON TRAIL

Threats Muttered Against Ugo Di Pietro, Who Is Believed to Have Run Away with Pretty Antonia Danbrozio, Daughter of a Street Fruit Dealer—Statio Watched.

Hundreds of Italians, re-enforced by policemen, spent the greater part of last night searching for Ugo Di Pietro, twenty-seven years old, who is alleged to have kidnapped Antonia Danbrozio, fifteen years old, the belle of the Italian colony, yesterday evening.

At the Union Station more than 100 Italians congregated, watching all approaches and scanning the face of every outboard passenger. Swartthy men with determined faces searched the downtown hotels and lodging-houses. Others went through every house in the Italian quarter in a vain search for the girl.

The Danbrozio family lived at 8 K street southeast until yesterday, when they moved to 5 Willow Tree alley. In the confusion of moving the eldest daughter was lost sight of, and not until late in the evening was her absence noted. Inquiry resulted in finding several Italians who had seen the girl with Di Pietro several hours before.

Father Starts Search.

Upon learning that his daughter had been seen with Di Pietro, Angelo Danbrozio began the search. Di Pietro could not be located at his home, 1016 South Capitol street, and his absence convinced the father of the girl that Di Pietro had had a hand in the disappearance of his daughter. He told his neighbors of his fear, and within a short time the entire colony was aroused. The male members muttered threats, and more than one made significant moves toward the sheaths of stilettos.

The kidnapper of the belle of the colony would not be dealt with lightly, if caught, they said.

Police Notified.

The father notified the police and look-outs were sent to every section of the city. Even before the machinery of the police department was set in motion, the Italians were well on their search. They continued searching nearly all night.

Danbrozio is a street merchant, and said that for some time Di Pietro had visited his home, ostensibly to see the head of the house, but he now believes, in reality, to see the pretty daughter.

Search parties of Italians are at Alexandria, at Rockville, and at Hyattsville.

NEGROES HANGED AND BURNED

Mob at Hawkinsville Soaks Bodies in Oil and Applies Torch.

Hawkinsville, Ga., March 5.—Curry Robinson and John Henry, negroes, accused of the murder of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hart, were put to death by a mob in the suburbs of Hawkinsville early to-day. The victims were hanged, then the bodies were cut down, soaked in oil, and burned. One of the negroes revived when the fire touched him, and his contortions and screams were frightful. The other negro was killed by the hanging.

Five hundred persons went to the jail and demanded the negroes. No resistance was offered, and the mob soon had the prisoners.

It is said that one of the negroes confessed that he and his companion murdered Mr. and Mrs. Hart for the purpose of robbery.

Sweet Violets, 25c Bunch. Kramer, the Florist, 916 F st.

Baltimore and Ohio Royal Blue Trains to Philadelphia and New York Every Odd Hour during the day. Also at 11:30 and 2:30 night, with through sleepers.

Profit by the Banking

Advantages offered by Union Trust Co., 15th and H sts. This company's banking dept. pays interest on all accounts, subject to check. Gov't control.

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